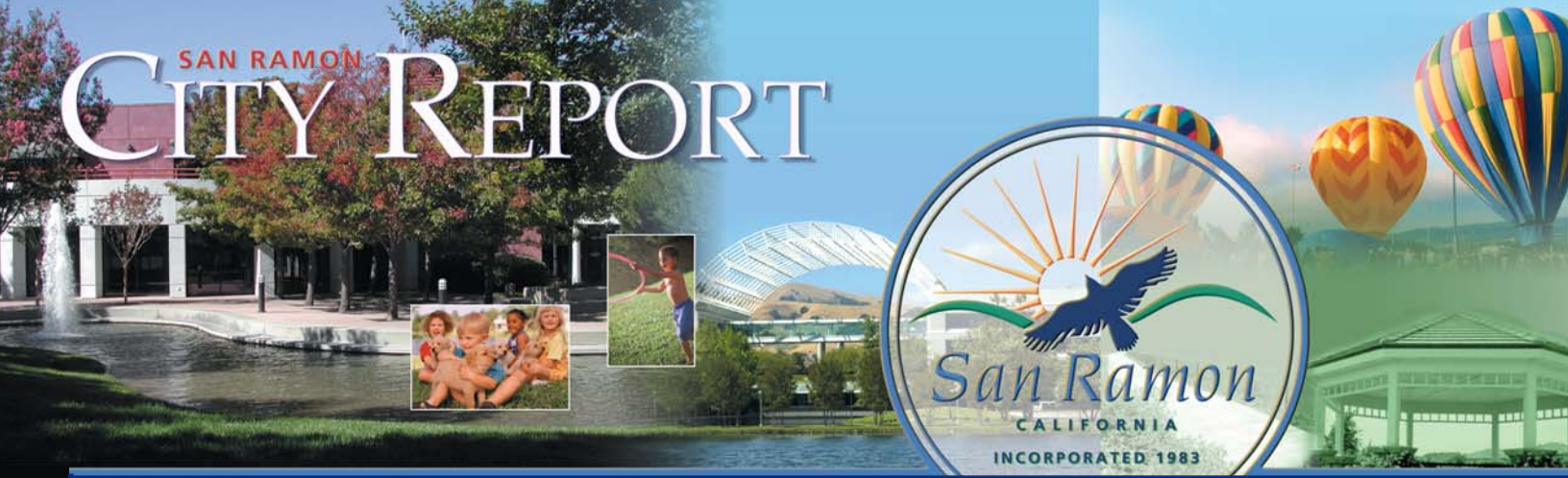


SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



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San Ramon's Dougherty Station Community Center and Library to Open September 24, 2005

Grand Opening Celebration

A Grand Opening celebration for the Dougherty Station Community Center and Library will take place on Saturday & Sunday, September 24-25, 2005 from 10am to 5pm in conjunction with the second annual San Ramon Arts Walk & Festival. The festivities will feature tours of the facilities, program demonstrations (eg. Cooking/dancing etc.), entertainment, games and prizes, and other activities. ***The formal ribbon cutting will take place on Saturday, September 24 at 9:00 am.***

The Arts Walk & Festival is co-presented by the City and the San Ramon Arts Foundation with major sponsorship provided by Windemere. Activities will feature a local artists gallery, fine arts & crafts booths, entertainment, kids' zone, a sculpture garden, and food & wine.

Dougherty Station Community Center

The new 28,500 square foot Community Center, is located at 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road (at East Branch Parkway). The many features include a 90-seat "Front Row Theatre", two dedicated conference/meeting rooms, a fully



Dougherty Station Community Center and Library

REGISTER TO VOTE ♦ "Register now to win!"

You hear these words often in solicitations for radio station promotions, frequent airline flyer clubs and 'freebies' at local stores. These advertisements lure individuals into participating in various programs with the promise of free vacations, travel opportunities, meals, etc. We're addressing another type of 'registration'—registering to vote.

Your opportunity to 'win' (at the polls) results when you vote. As a United States citizen, it is your right and responsibility. In order to vote, you must be registered. If you have recently moved, even within the same city, you must re-register.

You must register by October 24, 2005 in order to vote in the November election. The November 8, 2005 election provides the opportunity for you to vote for the Mayor and two San Ramon City Council members in addition to the Measures placed on the ballot by Governor Schwarzenegger. ***Please stop by the City Clerk's office at City Hall to pick up a registration form or call (925) 973-2539 if you have any questions.***

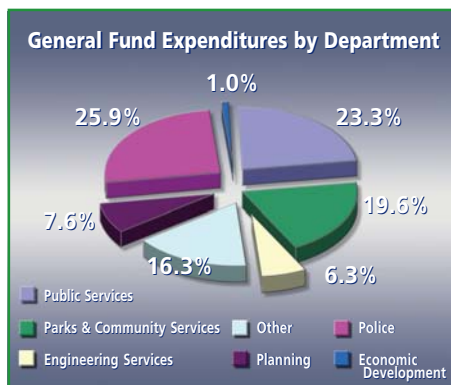
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City Council Adopts Balanced Budget

On May 24, 2005, the San Ramon City Council adopted its annual budget for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

The \$44,045,204 Operating Budget reflects the continued expansion of services into Dougherty Valley, and an effort to stretch limited financial resources in order to continue to provide a high level of City services. The budget conforms to established Council priorities and goals including: (1) enhancing employee relations, (2) maintaining public safety, (3) maintaining manicured streetscapes, parks, creeks, trails and gateways; and (4) continuing to enhance the City's image.

As the State of California struggles with a large budget deficit, the City will have to give up \$1.2 million in property tax revenue. In addition,



financial problems at the County level of government have impacted the City in several areas such as police services, animal control and library services. This has meant a large double digit increase in the Police Services contract rate, a surcharge on the animal control contract, and funding problems for the County library system. Fortunately, the City Council has been

proactive in planning for an uncertain financial future by establishing:

- A 50% General Fund contingency reserve policy;
- Reserves to cover previously unfunded liabilities for retiree health care, compensated absences, and equipment replacement;
- A contingency appropriation in the General Fund;
- A balanced General Fund budget;
- Supporting the analysis and strategic development of a plan to study various revenue enhancements (such as revising the Lighting and Landscaping assessments to fully cover the costs of providing services);
- Increasing fees and charges to more fully recover the cost of City services.

The actions listed will help to preserve the City's financial health and provide the flexibility to make up for revenue shortfalls as the State and County put strains on City resources.

City Moves to Protect Environment

Hazardous waste generated by residents and businesses is reaching our waterways through sewers, and storm drains, and polluting the Bay. Many of the hazardous products we buy are to make us look good, get the dirt out, keep our vehicles humming, and spruce up our houses, but if these materials are not disposed of properly they can be hazardous to our health and to the environment.

Unwanted household chemicals, also known as household hazardous waste (HHW), should be taken to the HHW Collection Facility located at 4797 Imhoff Place, at the



intersection of Highway 4 / Interstate 680 at the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District treatment plant site. Hours of operation are Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make an appointment for an HHW drop-off call 1-800-646-1431. For more information visit their website at www.centralsan.org/services/hhwcf.html or the City of San Ramon website at www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/recycle/hazard.htm.

Batteries are considered hazardous waste when they are discarded. After February 8, 2006, all batteries in California must be recycled or

taken to a household hazardous waste disposal facility.

Battery collection bins are conveniently located at City facilities, including the Senior Center, Community Center, Library, Public Services Center and City Hall. Residents may dispose of depleted cell phone batteries, and AA, AAA, C, D, and 9 Volt batteries are also acceptable for collection in the bins. Before placing batteries in the bins, please ensure that the contacts on depleted cell phone batteries are covered with tape for safety precautions. To find other locations to recycle batteries near you, visit www.rbrc.org/consumer/uslocate.html.

Dialing 9-1-1 on a Cellular Phone

From your cell phone, you dial 9-1-1 and when the call is answered you hear the words "California Highway Patrol". The following information clarifies the process for routing 9-1-1 calls.

A 9-1-1 call from a San Ramon residence or business land-line goes to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Dispatch Center. Not so for a cellular 9-1-1 phone call.

When you dial **9-1-1 from a land-line**, the dispatcher will receive computer aided information such as police, fire, and medical jurisdictions, telephone number making the call, and the address the call is being made from.

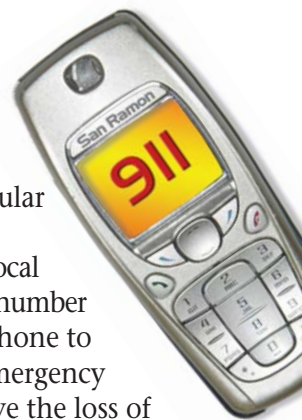
When a person calls **9-1-1 on a cell phone**, the call is captured by the

nearest cellular tower and directly routed to the nearest California Highway Patrol (CHP) dispatch center. In the San Ramon area, calls go to the CHP dispatch center in Vallejo. When a dispatcher receives a wireless 9-1-1 call, the only information the dispatcher normally receives is the cell phone number making the call. The dispatcher will inquire as to the location of the caller and will transfer the call to the appropriate local dispatch center if needed.

If you make a cellular 9-1-1 call it is important to stay on the line and provide the dispatcher with the exact location of the emergency to ensure that help can be dispatched to the correct location. The CHP dispatch center in Vallejo received over 2

million cellular 9-1-1 calls last year. Some cellular users prefer to program their local police dispatch number into their cell phone to speed up the emergency process, and save the loss of time involved in the transferring of the call.

Cellular phone users in San Ramon can program 925-973-2779 into their cell phones for direct contact to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Dispatch Center. This number is also appropriate for use in Alamo, Blackhawk, Diablo, and Danville.



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equipped kitchen, and a large multi-purpose room. *Additionally, the facility includes:*

- Pre-school class room;
- Lounge/games room;
- "The Loft" - a dedicated teen center;
- Dance studio with bars/mirrors;
- Art room with kiln;
- Coffee/concession area.

A 4,500 sq.ft. Police Substation, as well as, the administrative offices of the Parks and Community Services Department will also be located in the new Community Center. The Police Sub-Station, open during regular business hours, will provide support services to the neighborhoods, similar to those offered from the main Police facility.

Dougherty Station Library

The 11,600 sq.ft. library incorporates the newest technology for efficient service, including automated check-in/out systems. There is a computer lab for 12 students, 40 public computers with Internet access, wireless hot spots for all seating, and a "technology snake" with computers for teens. The library includes program and study rooms, lounge seating and study carrels for adults. It will be operated as a branch of the main San Ramon Library with oversight provided by the Contra Costa Library system.

For more information about the Grand Opening or services call the Parks & Community Services Department at 973-3261 or visit www.sanramon.ca.gov. Call the

Library at 973-2853 for information about the Dougherty Station Library. For information on the San Ramon Arts Walk & Festival visit www.sanramonarts.org.

San Ramon Small Business Expo

This Small Business Expo will take place on Thursday, September 29, 2005 at the new Dougherty Valley Station Community Center. This is a great opportunity for small businesses to showcase your business by having a booth at the Expo, or to receive information about the numerous resources available to help you start and expand your business. The Expo is sponsored by the City of San Ramon and the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce. For more information about this business event, contact the Chamber at 242-0600, or the City's Economic Development Department at 973-2579.



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Award Winning Symphony Coming to San Ramon



The California Symphony was recently named one of America's best symphony orchestras by Reader's Digest magazine. The symphony

features works by American composers and its Young American Composer-in-Residence program commissions works from up and coming talents.

On Friday, September 23, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. the Symphony will

perform a repertoire of audience favorites at San Ramon's Central Park Ampitheater, located at 12501 Alcosta Blvd.

For more information call (925) 280-2490 or visit www.californiasymphony.org.

Business Connection Webpage Launched

A business webpage called "The Business Connection" was introduced in May, 2005 by the Contra Costa County Library. The purpose of the webpage is to provide information for small businesses and start-ups and is located at www.ccclib.org/business.

Topics on the site include: Starting a Business, Marketing, Management and International Trade. Multiple resources are offered for each topic with specific links to online information and full-text magazine articles. A unique feature of the webpage is the business

calendar, which highlights training and educational opportunities, speakers on business topics and special events. For additional information contact Susan LaPat at (925) 927-3211 or send her an email: slapat@ccclib.org.

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